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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1997



Edith M. Aldrich
Tax Collector/Town Clerk
Town of Sugar Hill
1962 - 1998

This year's Town Report is dedicated to
Edith M. Aldrich
for 36 years of dedicated service
as Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the Town.

Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31,1997

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*Photo on front cover: Sugar Hill Community Church
by Frances Cammann Hrynio of Sugar Hill.*

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard Bielefield, Chairman
Paul W. Pinkham
David B. Southworth

(Term Expires 2000)
(Term Expires 1999)
(Term Expires 1998)

TOWN OFFICE Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK
Edith M. Aldrich

TAX COLLECTOR
Edith M. Aldrich

TREASURER
Lissa M. Boissonneault

TOWN AUDITOR
William W. Pinney

CHIEF OF POLICE
Richard K. Donovan (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF
Paul W. Pinkham

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY
911
EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
1-800-564-6911
Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Lissa M. Boissonneault

HEALTH OFFICER
Margaret Peckett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Paul S. Hayward

MODERATOR
Robert Whitney, Jr. (Term Expires 1998)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (1998)
Bruce Perlo (2000)
Maxine Aldrich (1999)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2002)
Edna Glaessel (2000)
Linda Mitchell (1998)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Eleonore Card (2000)
Irene Amsbary (1999)
Sybil Norton (1998)

CAROLINA CRAPO FUND TRUSTEES
Mitchell Vincent (2000)
Philip Struhsacker (1999)
James McCusker (1998)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (1998)			
Lorraine S. Hunt, Secretary	(2000)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2000)
Jeanne Ring	(1999)	Janet Wakefield	(1998)

PLANNING BOARD

Elizabeth Perlo, Chairman (1998)			
June Chase, Vice Chairman	(1999)	Robert Hayward, Jr.	(2000)
Lloyd Card	(1999)	Maxine Aldrich	(2000)
Michael Coyle	(1999)	Paul Pinkham	(2000)
William W. Pinney, Alternate	(1999)	Roger Aldrich, Alternate	(1999)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Michael Hern, Chairman (1998)			
Sarah Pinney	(1999)	Janet Anderson	(2000)
Janet Wakefield	(1999)	Catherine Burke	(2000)
Frances Hrynio, Alternate	(1998)	Linda McCarthy, Alternate	(2000)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John McIlwaine, Chairman (2000)			
William W. Pinney	(1998)	Heather Ring	(2000)
Janet Wakefield	(1998)	Margaret Connors	(2000)
Edna Glaessel	(1999)	Sherry Minor	(2000)
Chester Smith, Alternate	(2000)		

RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Laurie Henault
Amy Cyrs (Resigned 7/97)
Katherine Galligan (Appointed 9/97)

All 1997 reports from various agencies, not printed in this Town Report, are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

March 11, 1997

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Article 2 (Amendment to Town Ordinance). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Selectman to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

Results of Article 1.

Selectman, Three Year Term	Richard Bielefield	86
.....	Robert Whitney, III	1
Selectman, One Year Term	David B. Southworth	77
.....	David W. Presby	5
.....	Douglas Amsbary	1
.....	John Strasser	1
.....	Janet Anderson	1
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	92
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Edith M. Aldrich	89
.....	Robert Hayward	1
.....	Irene Amsbary	1
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Edith M. Aldrich	89
.....	Lissa M. Boissonneault	1
.....	Robert Hayward	1
.....	Irene Amsbary	1
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	92
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Eleonor B. Card	89
.....	F. Sylvia Hutchinson	1
.....	Heather Ring	1
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term	Bruce S. Perlo, Sr.	77
.....	Laurence S. Ring	1
.....	Sharon Pinkham	1
Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members, Three Year Terms	Janet Anderson	83
.....	Catherine Burke	13
.....	Lissa M. Boissonneault	1

.....	William W. Pinney	1
.....	Frances Hrynio	2
.....	Joseph Lange	1
Two Board of Adjustment Members,		
Three Year Terms	Nancy D. Aldrich	72
.....	Lorraine S. Hunt	74
.....	F. Sylvia Hutchinson	53
.....	Laurence Ring	1
Town Auditor, One Year Term	William W. Pinney	90
.....	David Southworth	1

ARTICLE 2. (To vote by Official Ballot.)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Sewer Lagoons. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the OfficialBballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment of Article 9, Section 901, of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

Results of Article 2: Yes 86 No 7

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. closed the polls at 7:30 PM and called the meeting to order. Meri and Mike Hern of Hilltop Inn were thanked by the Moderator for providing the meal for the election officials.

Moderator Whitney said he had a point of interest to share. This evening marks the seventy-fifth consecutive year that Mrs. Dorothy Aldrich has attended the Town Meeting.

ARTICLES 1 and 2 were voted on by ballot and we will now proceed with:

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget.

Moderator Whitney said he would read each item and if anyone had any questions, they were to feel free to interrupt.

Executive	\$ 27,500.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,500.00
Financial Administration	8,500.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,200.00
Insurance	16,000.00
General Government Buildings	10,000.00
Grounds and Maintenance	14,500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	4,000.00
Police Department	90,000.00
Fire Department	26,370.00

Franconia Life Squad	1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Town Maintenance	65,000.00
General Highway Department Expenses	42,000.00
Highway Block Grant	34,050.00
Street Lighting	12,600.00
Solid Waste Disposal	25,700.00
Health, Hospitals and Ambulances	5,665.00
Welfare	150.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	6,500.00
Parks and Recreation	7,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00
Principal on Long-Term Notes	11,200.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes	5,500.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>5,000.00</u>
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 \$436,435.00

(The Selectmen recommend these appropriations.)

Discussion was held concerning the Police Department.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. asked for a sense of the meeting at the request of William Pinney. "Do we need two full-time Police Officers?" A show of hands was called for. Majority in favor of a "one man" Department.

Harry Levin asked what was being done about the Highway Study. Selectman Richard Bielefield said, due to the resignation of Selectman Bill Williams and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Drechnowitz, work piled up at the end of the year. There is a committee working on it and it will be finished.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. called for a motion for Total Appropriations of \$436,435.00.

Moved by John McIlwaine, seconded by Star Ford.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." There was one opposed vote. The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income accrued during 1996 from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by William Pinney.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 4 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Star Ford.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 5 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." None opposed. The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Gale River Gravel Bars, Highway Department Property Maintenance, Fire Department, Fire Ponds, Historical Museum and Coffin Pond Expendable Trust Funds and place the balance in each in the General Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Moved by William Pinney, seconded by Michael Hern.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 6 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$7,631.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to be offset by monies received in the General Fund from Article 6. (Equal to the amount received into the General Fund from the Fire Pond and Fire Department Expendable Trust Funds.)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Harry Levin, seconded by Harold Aldrich.

All in favor of Article 7 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. One opposed.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Harry Levin.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 8 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." Two opposed, the "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Star Ford, seconded by Michael Hern.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 9 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to be used to replace Engine #1 in 1997.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Joseph Lange.

Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Paul Pinkham explained what they propose to do is refurbish Engine #1, which is twenty years old. This entails replacing the cab and chassis, rebuilding the pump and the body portion of the truck. What they will end up with is an up-to-date truck for about one hundred and one thousand dollars (\$101,000.00.) Some comparisons in terms of cost are Franconia and Littleton. Franconia replaced a similar truck for one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) two (2) years ago, and Littleton proposes one (1) for the same amount of money. Our original capital improvement plan estimated the replacement of this truck for the same amount of money. The members of the Fire Department feel this is a fiscally responsible solution to the replacement of this truck and have voted to contribute five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) towards the project from the Firemen’s Fund. This is money the firemen have earned from fund raisers; such as, hay seed and rent of their tents. The funding is as follows: \$81,516.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund, if the article is passed; \$7,631.00 from Article 7; \$6,772.00 from interest and salvage; and, \$5,000.00 from the Firemen’s Fund.

Additional discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 10 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen as Agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Historical Museum Expendable Trust Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Selectmen Richard Bielefield explained that Article 11 is now redundant due to the action on Article 6.

Moved by William Pinney, seconded by George Foss to pass over Article 11.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Star Ford, seconded by Meri Hern.

Discussion followed.

Moved by George Foss to amend Article 12 not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00.
Seconded by James Cyr.

All in favor of the amended article were asked to say “Aye,” opposed “No.”

The “No” votes have it

All in favor of Article 12, as printed in the Town Report, were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to name the Selectmen as Agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Moved by Mitchell Vincent, seconded by Michael Hern.

Selectmen Richard Bielefield explained this was the only article that was not included when the Selectmen were given permission by the voters to administer the other Reserve Funds a few years ago. This Reserve Fund was created after that vote.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it. None opposed.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.00.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Moved by George Foss, seconded by William Pinney.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 14 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to move the Town Offices and the Richardson Memorial Library to the Crapo Memorial Building.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by George Foss, seconded by William Pinney.

Discussion followed.

Michael Hern made a motion to amend Article 15 to include the Police Department, seconded by Beth Perlo.

Discussion followed.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment. Majority in favor with a few “No” votes. The “Ayes” have it.

Moved by Selectman David Southworth to increase the amount from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00, seconded by William Pinney.

Selectman David Southworth explained that the Selectmen had met with Roger Aldrich this afternoon. The Selectmen had put in \$5,000.00 as a token figure to start the process. The Selectmen understand the interest on the Fund will be available to do renovations of the building so that we can move in. A lot has to be taken care of. The Village Improvement Association has to take over the building first, and then a lease with the Town has to be negotiated.

The Selectmen did not have all the answers. They figure \$10,000.00 is needed to go along with what may be available.

Discussion followed.

A show of hands was called for by Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. on the amendment to raise the sum on Article 15 from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

33 in favor and 15 opposed.

All in favor of Article 15, as amended, were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to repair the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Clock.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Michael Hern, seconded by John McIlwaine.

Moved by Selectman Paul Pinkham to amend Article 16 to read: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to repair the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Clock.” Seconded by Harry Levin.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of the amendment to increase the amount of Article 16 from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00, were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

All in favor of Article 16 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to repair the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Clock were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.”

The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a pickup truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the first year’s payment for that purpose. (Majority Vote Required.)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Star Ford, seconded by Harold Aldrich.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 17 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” No opposed votes.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to replace the Highway Department sander.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by James Cyrs, seconded by Florence Rosenberg.

No discussion.

All in favor of Article 18 were asked to signify by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it None opposed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sugar Hill, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00, excluding the value of the person's residence.

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

Moved by Meri Hern, seconded by George Foss.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 19 were asked by saying "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it. No opposed votes.

Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr. said he could not remember how many years he has been Moderator, but he has introduced the beginning of every meeting, but this one, with "Welcome to the 36th Annual Town Meeting of the newest and best Town in New Hampshire."

A round of applause greeted his statement.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) for the purchase of a commercial replacement dishwasher for the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. The Willing Workers Society is prepared to pay one-half of the cost of the unit. Agreeable to a petition by ten (10) voters.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Michael Hern to pass over Article 20 as this piece of equipment has already been purchased without Town authorization, without Town money, and without this body having a chance to vote on it. Seconded by Star Ford.

F. Sylvia Hutchinson, President of the Willing Workers Society, said they purchased it because the price was going up next month. The present dishwasher is 25 years old and does not work well even after being fixed last year. It does not meet the required water temperature by the Health Department for public use. The Willing Workers are not the only organization using it.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of the amendment to pass over Article 20 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No” votes have it. Amendment defeated.

Selectmen David Southworth made a motion to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,700.00 for the purchase of a dishwasher. Seconded by Star Ford.

All in favor of Article 20 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for the North Country YMCA’s programs offered throughout the year to the families and citizens of the Town of Sugar Hill. Agreeable to a petition by ten (10) voters.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by George Foss, seconded by Beth Perlo.

Discussion followed.

All in favor of Article 21 were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No” votes have it. Article defeated. About 6 “Aye” votes.

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectmen David Southworth asked for a directive from the voters on the Transfer Station, due to the increase in solid waste. It will be \$25,700.00 this year. Selectmen Southworth asked if the voters would consider a pay per bag or if they had any other ideas to help guide the Selectmen.

Discussion followed.

Enough comments were made to help guide the Selectmen as to what should be pursued.

A motion to adjourn was called for by Moderator Robert Whitney, Jr.

Moved by George Foss, seconded by Star Ford.

All in favor were asked to signify by saying “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.

9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash		\$171,936.53
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1997	\$159,921.45	
Prior Years	5,682.27	
Yield Taxes	4,215.50	
Land Use Taxes	503.03	
Less Allowance for Abatements and Deeded Taxes	<u>(2,734.00)</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		167,588.25
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1996	33,080.03	
Prior Years	44,273.87	
Less Allowance for Abatements and Deeded Taxes	<u>(5,502.37)</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		<u>71,851.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$411,376.31

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$315,759.00	
Accounts Payable	4,926.74	
Accrued Payroll	<u>2,497.50</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$323,183.24
Property Tax Overpayments to be Refunded		107.16
Fund Balance - Unreserved, Undesignated		<u>88,085.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$411,376.31

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 668,445.00
Residential Land	25,554,579.00
Buildings	38,239,900.00
Manufactured Housing	34,700.00
Public Utilities	<u>883,912.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 65,381,536.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>100,000.00</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$ 65,281,536.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 554,266.00
Less: Total Revenues and Credits	<u>-221,378.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	<u>332,888.00</u>
School Tax Assessments:	
Lafayette	373,695.00
Profile	<u>351,470.00</u>
	725,165.00
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>-12,038.00</u>
Net School Tax Assessments	<u>713,127.00</u>
County Tax Assessment	102,378.00
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>-1,397.00</u>
Net County Tax Assessment	<u>100,981.00</u>
PROPERTY TAX TO BE RAISED	\$ 1,146,996.00

1997 Tax Rate:

Town	\$ 5.10
School	10.92
County	<u>1.55</u>
Per 1,000 Valuation	\$17.57

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings		\$ 231,442.00
Furniture and Equipment		34,000.00
Libraries, Land and Buildings		120,500.00
Furniture and Equipment		15,000.00
Police Department Equipment		35,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings		209,250.00
Equipment		364,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings		219,895.00
Equipment		251,749.00
Materials and Supplies		2,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds		
Coffin Pond	57,650.00	
Tennis Court	<u>7,800.00</u>	65,450.00
Schools, Land and Buildings, Equipment		280,950.00
Historical Museum		107,450.00
Woodland		
Center District	102,150.00	
Creamery Pond	<u>5,700.00</u>	<u>107,850.00</u>
TOTAL		\$2,045,036.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

	Town Garage	Fire Station	Total
Beginning Balance 1/31/97	\$59,478.36	\$14,250.00	\$73,728.36
1997 Payment	<u>8,666.67</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>11,166.67</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/97	\$50,811.69	\$11,750.00	\$62,561.69

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my thirty-sixth report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1997.

Vehicle Registration Applications		\$76,594.00
Animal Population Control Fee	138.00	
Dog Licenses sold in 1997	<u>433.50</u>	
	571.50	
Less Fees Retained	<u>77.00</u>	494.50
Marriage Licenses 12 @ \$45.00	540.00	
Less Fees Retained 12 @ \$7.00	<u>84.00</u>	456.00
Vital Statistics Requests 2 @ \$10.00	20.00	
Less Fees Retained 2 @ \$4.00	<u>8.00</u>	12.00
Transfer Station Decals		78.00
Filing Fees		7.00
Insufficient Funds Fees		<u>45.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$77,686.50

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,1996

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 1997	Levies of 1996	Levies of 1995	Levies of 1994	Levies of 1993-92-91
Property Taxes	\$ - 0 -	\$138,754.54	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 211.90 (91) 4,943.15 (92)
Resident Taxes	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Land Use Change	- 0 -	- 0 -	503.03	- 0 -	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	- 0 -	1,583.28	- 0 -	1,086.75	56.40 (92) 553.63 (93)
Utilities	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Taxes Committed This Year:					
Property Taxes	1,139,740.18	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Land Use Change	10,500.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	28,203.03	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Overpayment:					
Property Taxes	107.16	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Interest Collected					
On Delinquent Tax	1,463.54	11,372.82	- 0 -	- 0 -	54.46 (92)
Collected:					
Cost	906.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Insufficient Funds	<u>25.00</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,180,944.91	\$151,710.64	\$503.03	\$1,086.75	\$ 211.90 (91) \$5,054.01(92) \$553.63 (93)

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 972,986.15	\$ 138,227.32	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -
Resident Taxes	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Land Use Change	10,500.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	25,627.91	1,583.28	- 0 -	- 0 -	56.40 (92)
Interest	1,463.54	11,372.82	- 0 -	- 0 -	54.46 (92)
Insufficient Funds	25.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Penalties - Cost	906.00				
Overpayment Taxes	107.16	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Abatelements Made:					
Property Taxes	6,832.58	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

Uncollected Taxes End of Year:

Property Taxes	159,921.45	527.22	- 0 -	- 0 -	211.90 (91)
					4,943.15 (92)
Land Use Change	-0-	- 0 -	503.03	- 0 -	- 0 -
Yield Taxes	<u>2,575.12</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>1,086.75</u>	<u>553.63 (93)</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,180,944.81	\$151,710.64	\$503.03	\$1,086.75	\$ 211.90 (91)
					\$5,054.01 (92)
					\$553.63 (93)

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,1997

DEBITS

	1996	Tax Lien on Account of Levies Of			
		1995	1994	1993	1992/Prior
Unredeemed Liens					
Balance at					
Beginning of					
Fiscal Year	\$ - 0 -	\$55,754.22	\$25,019.10	\$ 21,905.55	\$10,246.44 (92)
					\$10,165.57 (91)
Liens Executed					
During Fiscal Year	36,438.03	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Interest & Costs					
Collected After					
Lien Execution	<u>97.48</u>	<u>3,074.76</u>	<u>2,770.92</u>	<u>4,924.82</u>	<u>3,137.27 (92)</u>
					<u>5,702.56 (91)</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$38,535.51	\$58,828.98	\$27,790.02	\$26,830.37	\$13,383.71 (92)
					\$15,868.13 (91)

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:					
Redemptions	\$ 5,358.00	\$31,360.23	\$15,329.59	\$16,117.38	\$ 9,963.57 (92)
					\$ 6,046.23 (91)
Interest &					
Cost After Lien					
Execution	97.48	3,074.76	2,770.92	4,924.82	3,137.27 (92)
					5,702.56 (91)
Unredeemed Liens					
Balance					
End of Fiscal Year	<u>33,080.03</u>	<u>24,393.99</u>	<u>9,689.51</u>	<u>5,788.16</u>	<u>282.87 (92)</u>
					<u>4,119.34 (91)</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$38,535.51	\$58,828.98	\$27,790.02	\$26,830.37	\$13,383.71 (92)
					\$15,868.13 (91)

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1996
Cash Basis

	NOW Checking	Money Market	Total
Peoples Bank			
Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 1997	\$ 150,596.04	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 155,596.04

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	1,266,792.86		
Town Clerk	77,686.50		
Selectmen	83,196.01		
Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	1,423.93	139.65	
Loan Proceeds	225,000.00		
Transfers From Trust Funds	96,621.75		
Transfers From Money Market Account	<u>5,139.65</u>		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>1,755,860.70</u>	<u>139.65</u>	<u>1,756,000.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	1,509,520.21		
Loan Repayments	225,000.00		
Transfers to NOW Account		<u>5,139.65</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>1,734,520.21</u>	<u>5,139.65</u>	<u>1,739,659.86</u>
Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 1997	<u>171,936.53</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>171,936.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault,
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
Cash Basis

Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 973,160.68
Yield Taxes, Current Year	3,264.38
Current Use Taxes, Current Year	10,500.00
Property Taxes, Previous Year	138,394.67
Yield Taxes, Previous Year	21,036.80
Tax Liens Redeemed	84,175.01
Interest and Costs Collected	36,236.32
Insufficient Fund Charges	<u>25.00</u>
Total Taxes Collected	<u>\$1,266,792.86</u>

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, Except Taxes:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	76,594.00
Dog Licenses and Complaints	494.50
Marriage Licenses	456.00
Vital Statistics/Copies	12.00
Dump Stickers	78.00
Town Filing Fees	7.00
Insufficient Fund Charges	<u>45.00</u>
Total Town Clerk	<u>77,686.50</u>
Rent of Town Property	200.00
Highway Department Revenue	1,350.00
Police Department Revenue	512.60
Fire Department Revenue	44.00
Building Permits	490.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Fees	368.00
Planning Board Fees	673.78
Postage, Copies and Ordinance Sales	73.00
Refunds	2,071.83
Insurance Reimbursements	7,905.99
Other Miscellaneous Income	635.20
Bond	<u>500.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>14,824.40</u>
From State:	
Highway Subsidy Block Grant	32,697.38
Highway Subsidy Block Grant/Additional	3,011.06
FEMA (Storm Damage)	1,539.00
Rooms and Meals Tax	5,175.82
Revenue Sharing Distribution	<u>25,948.35</u>
Total From State	<u>68,371.61</u>
Total From Selectmen	83,196.01
Other Receipts:	
Interest on NOW Account	1,423.93
Interest on Money Market Account	139.65
Withdrawals from Expendable Trust Funds	96,621.75
Temporary Loans (Tax Anticipation Notes)	<u>225,000.00</u>
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	<u>323,185.33</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	\$1,750,860.70
Cash On Hand, January 1, 1997	<u>155,596.04</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,906,456.74

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Cash Basis

General Government:

Executive	25,842.12
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,890.53
Financial Administration	10,414.97
Legal Expenses	1,407.74
General Government Buildings	9,887.03
Grounds and Maintenance	13,842.19
Planning Board	2,525.29
Zoning Board of Adjustment	768.50
Advertising and Regional Associations	3,993.48
Cemeteries	3,136.87
Insurance	20,703.61
Payroll	<u>8,889.03</u>

Total General Government Expenses		108,301.36
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Public Safety:

Police Department	77,038.26
Fire Department	23,142.89
Franconia Life Squad	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Public Safety Expenses		101,181.15
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Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	61,968.22
General Expenses of Highway Department	36,691.29
Highway Block Grant	33,762.99
Street Lighting	<u>12,607.80</u>

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		145,030.30
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>25,574.69</u>
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Total Sanitation Expenses		25,574.69
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Health:

Health, Hospitals and Ambulances	<u>5,626.00</u>
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Total Health Expenses		5,626.00
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Welfare:

Direct Assistance	<u>575.00</u>
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Total Welfare Expenses		575.00
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Culture and Recreation:

Library	6,006.87
Recreation	5,678.86
Patriotic Purposes	<u>90.00</u>

Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		11,775.73
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Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	<u>1,044.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		1,044.00
Debt Service:		
Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes	11,166.67	
Interest Expense - Long-Term Bonds and Notes	3,986.58	
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>2,443.91</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		17,597.16
Capital Outlay:		
Article #20 - Meetinghouse Dishwasher	1,700.00	
Article #18 - Highway Sander	8,700.00	
Article #17 - Highway Department - Truck Lease	7,795.64	
Article #16 - Meetinghouse Clock	7,500.00	
Article #15 - Office and Library Relocation	8,327.00	
Article #10 - Fire Department - Engine #1	<u>80,274.80</u>	
Total Capital Outlay Expenses		114,297.44
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #5 - Police	12,000.00	
Article #8 - Highway Department Heavy Equipment	20,000.00	
Article #9 - Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #10 - Fire Department Heavy Equipment	25,000.00	
Article #7 - Fire Department Heavy Equipment	7,631.00	
Article #12 - Revaluation	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		79,631.00
Miscellaneous:		
Motor Vehicle Refund	25.00	
Property Tax Refunds	1,440.35	
Taxes Bought By Town	<u>38,438.03</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		39,903.38
Unclassified:		
Payments - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>225,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		225,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	102,378.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>756,605.00</u>	
Total Payments To Other Governmental Divisions		<u>858,983.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL PAYMENTS		\$1,734,520.21

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	3,320.00	
Administrative - Salary	9,346.26	
Moderator - Salary	100.00	
Workers Compensation	1,254.91	
Assessing	1,285.00	
Bank Fees	79.80	
Telephone	695.82	
Computer <u>Services</u>	4,078.65	
Mapping	840.00	
Police Study	628.52	
Deed Copies	38.00	
Printing		
General Printing	1,688.40	
Notices and Courier	<u>235.90</u>	
Total Printing Costs		1,924.30
Dues and Subscriptions	520.00	
Office Supplies	495.01	
Postage	713.20	
Books and Periodicals	439.45	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>83.20</u>	
Total Executive Expenses		25,842.12

Election, Registration and Vital Statistics:

Checklist - Salary	50.00	
Ballot Clerks - Salary	220.00	
Town Clerk - Salary	4,468.00	
Tuition Reimbursement	15.00	
Printing		
Notice and Courier	59.50	
Other	<u>105.00</u>	
Total Printing Costs		164.50
Dues	20.00	
Books and Periodicals	32.00	
Fees	1,245.50	
Miscellaneous Expenses	65.53	
Vital Statistics	12.00	
Dog Fees	167.00	
Marriage Fees	<u>456.00</u>	
Total Election, Registration and Vital Statistics Expenses		6,915.53

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Salary	5,279.00
Treasurer - Salary	1,200.00
Auditor	750.00
Tax Refund	1,440.35
Bank Fees	336.70
Computer Consulting	1,000.00
Research Lien	400.00

Printing	208.35	
Dues	40.00	
Postage	270.80	
Fees	714.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>216.12</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		11,855.32
Total Legal Expenses		1,407.74
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town FICA Contribution)	6,633.59	
Sugar Hill MCARE (Town Medicare Contribution)	<u>2,255.44</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expenses		8,889.03
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,250.00	
Workshops	189.00	
Legal Fees	114.75	
Mapping	532.50	
Printing		
Notices and Courier	67.20	
Other	<u>27.20</u>	
Total Printing Costs	94.40	
Office Supplies	46.65	
Postage	140.99	
Books and Periodicals	120.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>37.00</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		2,525.29
Zoning Board:		
Mapping	480.00	
Printing		
Notices and Courier	71.40	
General	<u>44.60</u>	
Total Printing Costs	116.00	
Postage	20.50	
Books and Periodicals	45.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>107.00</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		768.50
Government Buildings:		
Custodian - Salary	899.28	
Health Insurance	1,949.13	
Electricity	1,097.04	
Heating Oil	1,595.30	
Maintenance - Purchased	2,242.11	
Supplies	321.37	
Maintenance and Repair	1,539.50	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>243.30</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		9,887.03

Grounds and Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	11,640.86	
Supplies		
Maintenance and Repair	829.57	
Gasoline	248.97	
Groundskeeping	538.10	
Vehicle Repair	488.77	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>95.92</u>	
Total Supplies Expenses	<u>2,201.33</u>	
Total Grounds and Maintenance Expenses		13,842.19
Cemeteries:		
Trust Interest	1,621.07	
Other	<u>1,515.80</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		3,136.87
Total Insurance Expenses		20,703.61
Total Advertising and Regional Associations Expenses		3,993.48
Police Department:		
Richard K. Donovan - Salary	26,870.00	
Regular Officer - Salary	24,094.21	
Specials - Salaries	611.77	
Health Insurance	9,182.75	
Police Retiree - Salary	1,592.40	
Workers Compensation	2,021.79	
Training	20.00	
Telephone	1,410.90	
Medical Services	384.00	
Electricity	422.55	
Heating Oil	161.72	
Building Maintenance	1,733.03	
Uniforms	452.60	
Printing - Notices and Paper	292.00	
Dues	75.00	
Supplies	94.18	
Office Supplies	59.28	
Postage	94.76	
Gasoline	1,699.25	
Vehicle Maintenance		
Vehicle Maintenance	910.04	
Equipment	223.70	
Other	<u>435.02</u>	
Total Vehicle Maintenance Expenses	1,568.76	
Books and Periodicals	318.23	
Miscellaneous Expenses	332.26	
Dog Control	100.00	
911 Emergency Lines	580.34	
Sheriff's Department - Answering Service	<u>2,866.48</u>	

Total Police Department Expenses	77,038.26
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Total Ambulance Expenses	1,000.00
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Fire Department:

Salaries	7,288.00
Workers Compensation	418.31
Training	369.00
Telephone	331.77
Electricity	692.84
Heating Oil	1,948.91
Building Maintenance	1,858.55
Insurance - Property Liability	41.00
Uniforms	74.56
Dues	435.61
Supplies	86.70
Office Supplies	2.09
Postage	55.94
Gasoline	179.63
Diesel Fuel	288.05
Maintenance	
Vehicles	3,157.78
Equipment	759.06
Other	<u>75.12</u>
Total Maintenance Expenses	3,991.96
Equipment	4,181.12
911 Emergency Lines	580.33
Sheriff's Department - Answering Service	<u>318.52</u>

Total Fire Department Expenses	23,142.89
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Town Maintenance:

Retirement Payroll	2,099.27
Workers Compensation	3,137.24
Other	<u>56,731.71</u>

Total Town Maintenance Expenses	61,968.22
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General Highway Department:

Health Insurance	10,005.63
Tuition Reimbursement	50.00
Telephone	700.35
Medical Services	133.48
Electricity	1,360.16
Heating Oil	1,266.33
Building Maintenance	486.04
Equipment Rental	3,465.00
Uniforms	442.76
Dues	61.20
Supplies	
Maintenance and Repair	105.11
Other	<u>871.22</u>

Total Supplies Expenses	976.33	
Shop Supplies	603.65	
Gasoline	805.64	
Diesel Fuel	4,512.06	
Maintenance		
Vehicles	3,158.83	
Equipment	6,337.13	
Building	58.09	
Other	<u>665.84</u>	
Total Maintenance Expenses	10,219.89	
Street Signs	1,407.42	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>195.35</u>	
Total General Highway Department Expense		36,691.29
Total Street Lighting Expenses		12,607.80
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		33,762.99
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		25,574.69
Total Health and Hospitals Agencies Expenses		5,626.00
Total Welfare Expenses		575.00
Total Parks and Recreation Expenses		5,678.86
Library:		
Librarian - Salary	2,400.00	
Workers Compensation	139.44	
Telephone	321.60	
Electricity	168.00	
Heating Oil	584.36	
Building Maintenance	32.00	
Postage	58.00	
Books and Periodicals	2,105.06	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>198.41</u>	
Total Library Expenses		6,006.87
Total Patriotic Expenses		90.00
Conservation Commission:		
Timber Monitor	765.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00	
Postage	32.00	
Books and Periodicals	<u>122.00</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,044.00
Total Long-Term Notes Payment		11,166.67
Total Interest - Long-Term Notes		3,986.58

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Articles 2 & 3 (Amendments to Town Ordinances). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m., unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year;
- A Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years;
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Zoning Board of Adjustment Member to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years;
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to lots which abut on more than one public street. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Article 3, Section 307.1 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)

ARTICLE 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance clarifying the minimum front yard set back. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment to Article 3, Sections 304.1, 304.2 and 304.3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?”

(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

ARTICLE 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 29,000.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,000.00
Financial Administration	11,800.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance	16,000.00
General Government Buildings	10,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	15,000.00
Cemetery	6,052.31
Advertising and Regional Associations	5,000.00
Police Department	66,000.00
Fire Department	26,370.00
Ambulance	2,050.00
Ross Ambulance	\$1,050.00
Life Squad	\$1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Town Maintenance	65,000.00
General Highway Department Expenses	42,000.00
Highway Block Grant	35,241.33
Street Lighting	15,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	27,359.00
Health and Hospitals	4,505.00
Hospice	279.00
GC Seniors	1,030.00
North Country Home Health	1,133.00
Red Cross	185.00
Littleton Hospital	1,200.00
White Mountain Mental Health	678.00
Welfare	600.00
Tri County Cap	400.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	7,000.00
Parks and Recreation	5,810.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	1,200.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes	11,200.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes	4,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 \$426,487.64

(The Selectmen recommend these appropriations.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income accrued during 1997 from the Cemetery Trust Funds to reduce the appropriation.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,750.00) for foundation repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and to withdraw said amount from the Annie Anker's Trust Fund to prepare for the expansion of the Sunnyside Cemetery onto presently Town owned land as proposed by the Cemetery Commission in 1996. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the expansion is completed or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required.)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$496.00) (\$1.00 per capita in your community) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority at the Whitefield Airport, in accordance with the provisions of such proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement.

(A copy of the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement has been posted with a copy of the Warrant, and copies of the proposed Agreement are available at the Town Clerk's Office. This Agreement will not go into effect unless five towns with a combined population of 10,000 people approve the Agreement.)

(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$248.00) (.50 cents per capita) for the Town's share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year.
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to petition the New Hampshire Legislature for approval to return the opening of the polls to 11:00 a.m. for State and Federal elections.
(The Selectmen recommend this Article.)

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Richard Bielefield,
Paul W. Pinkham,
David E. Southworth,
Sugar Hill Board Of Selectmen

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

In addition, we have caused to be posted at the Meetinghouse a copy of the proposed Zoning amendments in Articles 2 and 3 of the Warrant; so as to be on display for the voters on the day of the Town Meeting.

Richard Bielefield,
Paul W. Pinkham,
David E. Southworth,
Sugar Hill Board Of Selectmen

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 18th day of February, 1998.

Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - REVENUE

(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 28,203.00	\$ 7,500.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	33,530.00	15,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	- 0-	10,500.00	2,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	25,000.00	25,948.00	25,000.00
Highway Block Grant	34,050.00	35,708.00	35,241.00
Rooms and Meals	4,000.00	5,176.00	5,153.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Business License and Permits	- 0-	- 0-	- 0-
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	62,000.00	76,594.00	65,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,000.00	1,092.00	1,000.00
Building Permits	200.00	490.00	300.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	1,500.00	3,108.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interests on Deposits	- 0-	1,564.00	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property	500.00	- 0-	100.00
Other Refunds and Insurance Reimbursements	10,300.00	11,157.00	8,200.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	- 0-	80,275.00	- 0-
Withdrawals Trust and Agency Funds	21,721.00	16,347.00	5,000.00
From Surplus	<u>- 0-</u>	<u>- 0-</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$178,771.00	\$329,692.00	\$183,994.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 1997	Actual 1997	Estimated 1998
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 25,914.00	\$ 28,000.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,500.00	6,962.00	5,650.00
Financial Administration	8,500.00	10,499.00	11,300.00
Personnel Administration			
Payroll Taxes	- 0 -	8,889.00	8,965.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,408.00	5,000.00
General Government			
Building and Grounds	22,500.00	22,913.00	24,100.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00	3,137.00	6,052.00
Planning and Zoning	4,200.00	3,305.00	3,700.00
Insurance	16,000.00	20,704.00	16,000.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	4,000.00	3,993.00	5,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	90,000.00	79,126.00	65,045.00
Fire Department	26,370.00	22,970.00	25,810.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,050.00
Civil Defense	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Other Public Safety	1,000.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Highways, Street and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	65,000.00	62,248.00	60,600.00
General Highway	42,000.00	36,100.00	42,000.00
Highway Block Grant	34,050.00	33,763.00	35,241.00
Street Lighting	12,600.00	12,573.00	15,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	25,700.00	25,575.00	27,359.00

Health:			
Health and Hospitals	4,665.00	5,626.00	4,505.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	150.00	575.00	600.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	6,500.00	6,218.00	6,800.00
Parks and Recreation	7,000.00	5,679.00	5,810.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	90.00	300.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,044.00	1,200.00
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	11,200.00	11,167.00	11,200.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	5,500.00	3,987.00	4,000.00
Interest Expense- Tax			
Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	2,444.00	5,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	20,700.00	96,770.00*	- 0 -
Buildings	17,500.00	18,365.00	- 0 -
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>79,631.00</u>	<u>79,631.00</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$554,266.00	\$612,675.00	\$426,487.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			50,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			<u>7,494.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$483,981.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-183,994.00</u>
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED			\$299,987.00
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			

*Offset by monies from Capital Reserve

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis 1997)**

	Appropriation 1997	Actual 1997	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 25,914.00	\$ 1,586.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	6,500.00	6,962.00	(462.00)
Financial Administration	8,500.00	10,499.00	(1,999.00)
Payroll Taxes	- 0 -	8,889.00	(8,889.00)*
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,408.00	3,592.00
Government Buildings and Grounds	22,500.00	22,913.00	(413.00)
Cemeteries	2,000.00	3,137.00	(1,137.00)
Planning and Zoning	4,200.00	3,305.00	895.00
Insurance	16,000.00	20,704.00	(4,704.00)
Advertising and Regional Associations	4,000.00	3,993.00	7.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Police Department	90,000.00	79,126.00	10,874.00
Fire Department	26,370.00	22,970.00	3,400.00
Life Squad	1,000.00	1,000.00	- 0 -
Civil Defense	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Highway Department	107,000.00	98,348.00	8,652.00
Highway Block	34,050.00	33,763.00	287.00
Street Lighting	12,600.00	12,573.00	27.00
Solid Waste Disposal	25,700.00	25,575.00	125.00
Health and Hospitals	4,665.00	5,626.00	(961.00)
Welfare	150.00	575.00	(425.00)
Library	6,500.00	6,218.00	282.00
Parks and Recreation	7,000.00	5,679.00	1,321.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	90.00	210.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,044.00	956.00
Principal Long-Term Bonds and Notes	11,200.00	11,167.00	33.00
Interest Long-Term Bonds and Notes	5,500.00	3,987.00	1,513.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	5,000.00	2,444.00	2,556.00
Capital Outlay	38,200.00	115,135.00	(76,935.00)**
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>79,631.00</u>	<u>79,631.00</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$554,266.00	 \$612,675.00	 (\$58,409.00)

*Amount was previously included in individual line item.

** Capital Reserve	80,274.80
Unexpended	21,865.80

Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		225,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		2,443.91
Capital Appropriations Proposal - Vehicles and Equipment:		
Highway Sander	8,700.00	
Fire Department - Engine #1	80,274.80	
Highway Truck Lease	<u>7,795.64</u>	
Total Capital Appropriations Proposal		
- Vehicles and Equipment		96,770.44
Capital Appropriations Proposal - Buildings:		
Meetinghouse Clock	7,500.00	
Office Relocation	8,327.00	
Willing Workers - Dishwasher	<u>1,700.00</u>	
Total Capital Appropriations Proposal - Buildings		17,527.00
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Highway Department	20,000.00	
Fire Department	32,631.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Revaluation	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		79,631.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		102,378.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		756,605.00
Total Taxes Bought by Town		<u>38,438.03</u>
TOTAL DETAILED EXPENSES		\$1,734,520.21

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the 1997.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 1997

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
				Sale of Securities	Withdrawals						
06/19/76	Highway Dept. Hvy. Eqpt.	\$6,392.73	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,392.73	\$468.29	\$210.63	\$0.00	\$678.92	\$27,071.65
06/23/76	Police Department	5,822.41	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,822.41	347.18	371.35	0.00	718.53	18,540.94
12/31/91	Meetinghouse	3,226.45	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,226.45	146.49	197.48	0.00	343.97	8,570.42
07/19/93	Fire Department Hvy. Eqpt.		56,516.00	32,631.00	0.00	76,274.80	12,872.20	2,784.12	1,654.15	4,000.00	438.27
13,310.47											
07/23/96	Revaluation	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>212.88</u>	<u>579.29</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>792.17</u>	<u>20,792.17</u>
	TOTAL CAPITAL										
	RESERVE FUNDS	\$81,957.59	\$ 79,631.00	\$0.00	\$76,274.80	\$85,313.79	\$3,958.96	\$ 3,012.90	\$4,000.00	\$2,971.86	\$88,285.65

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Peoples Bank or PDIP.

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 1997

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
06/23/76	Fire Department	\$2,805.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,805.51	\$0.00	\$21.10	\$673.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
08/12/86	Fire Ponds Funds	3,310.03	0.00	0.00	3,310.03	0.00	25.47	889.37	0.00	0.00
07/10/87	Coffin Fund	2,261.35	0.00	0.00	2,261.35	0.00	15.39	275.26	0.00	0.00
08/12/86	Gale River Gravel Bars	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	5.06	34.08	0.00	0.00
09/09/89	Highway Dept. Prop. Maint.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/19/93	Historical Museum	3,370.78	0.00	0.00	3,370.78	0.00	22.20	290.17	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDABLE									
	TRUST FUNDS	\$12,547.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,547.67	\$0.00	\$89.22	\$2,162.25	\$0.00	\$0.00

All Funds Invested 100%.
All Funds are Bank Deposits at Peoples Bank

CAROLINA CRAPO MEMORIAL TRUST

On April 8, 1997, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association was awarded the ownership of the Carolina Crapo School and this Trust under a court decree by the Grafton County Probate Court.

This report, therefore, is the valuation of the Trust on April 8, 1997, indicating the total fund turned over to the Association. This is the final report of the Trust; henceforth, reports will be made to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association as Trust owners.

The Trust has completed its accumulation period and will now commence utilizing its income for the repairs, maintenance and improvements of the property, and for education purposes for the benefit of the Community of Sugar Hill.

Valuations were:

<u>Cash</u>	- Fleet Checking	\$ 999.21	
	- Fleet Savings	<u>23,603.00</u>	24,602.21
<u>U.S. Treasury Zero Coupon Bond</u>			257,158.13
<u>Mutual Funds:</u>			
	Fidelity - Disciplined Equity	15,998.11	
	- Convertible Securities	8,616.79	
	- Equity Income II	10,406.51	
	- Utilities Income	9,002.68	
	Vanguard- GNMA	11,332.06	
	- Total Index	50,237.00	
	- Wellington	27,330.40	
	Templeton Foreign	23,219.32	
	20 th Century Ultra	36,523.73	
	Founders Special	41,418.76	
	Janus Fund	29,010.44	
	Oakmark Fund	17,920.72	
	Brandywine Fund	43,620.67	
	Price-New America Growth	14,816.25	
	Strong Discovery	12,186.21	
	Berger 100	11,266.23	
Total Mutual Funds			<u>362,905.88</u>
Total Trust Funds			\$644,666.22

Respectfully submitted,
 Mitchell Vincent
 Philip Struhsacker
 James McCusker
 Trustees

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 1997

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year		
10/09/75	Perpetual Care Trust (1)	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$486.76	\$673.01	\$486.76	\$673.01	\$12,673.01	
09/21/73	Louise Leavitt Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	258.19	40.72	46.69	252.22	752.22	
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	53.82	10.95	11.76	53.01	203.21	
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	53.82	10.95	11.76	53.01	203.21	
10/18/56	J.L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	26.99	6.83	7.29	26.53	126.53	
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	20.90	9.20	7.96	22.14	172.14	
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	486.76	673.01	486.76	673.01	12,673.01	
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	14,448.09	800.00	0.00	0.00	15,248.09	578.05	821.57	578.05	821.57	16,069.66	
TOTAL CEMETERY												
TRUST FUNDS		\$39,498.09	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,298.09	\$1,965.29	\$2,246.24	\$1,637.03	\$2,574.50	\$42,872.59	

- (1) Interest may only be used for lot care.
 (2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
 (3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
 All Funds Invested 100%.
 All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have had several improvements made to the cemeteries that are quite visible. We have placed a new set of American flags, with standards as needed, at the veterans' gravesites in both cemeteries. If someone knows of additional veterans, please notify one of the Cemetery Trustees.

In Sunnyside, we have had a rail fence along the Sunnyside Lane side of the cemetery between the two roadways that lead into the site. We have also had a printed copy of the cemetery regulations posted in a waterproof placard at one of these posts. There is another post and sign along the lower entrance to the cemetery. These are for reminders of the regulations and if there are any questions, ask one of the Trustees. In Sunnyside, we have also had most, if not all, of the stumps and dead roots removed. A great improvement.

A surveyor has been engaged to design a possible solution to the drainage problem that we have in Sunnyside.

In the Lucy Hannah Cemetery, we have added a rail fence near the beginning of the gravesites. This is in a circular pattern and conforms to the designers drawing as to the region for traffic to turn around and to park. This is to keep traffic away from the few gravesites and to clearly demark the roadway. A lot of effort was put into clearing the brush and trees from around the Streeter Pond Cemetery section of the site. We still need more work in this area and still need to address what has to be done to the picket fence. A sign with regulations has also been posted at the entrance, as at Sunnyside.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurence S. Ring,
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The various financial reports of the Town have been audited and all appear to be in order. A certified public accountant has reviewed the work and submitted the proper report to the State Municipal Service Department.

The Trust Funds are now all on computer with excellent controls.

The Town Treasurer's work is all on line. It is expected that the Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be on line in 1998. With everything on computer, the Auditor's work is greatly reduced and we get much better reports and controls.

Sincerely,
William W. Pinney,
Town Auditor

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Reviewing the minutes for the Selectmen's meetings during the past year, the diversity of items which come before our meeting for attention is amazing: Intents to Cut Wood, building and driveway permits, personnel issues, sidewalks, town roads, equipment purchases, as well as, the purchase of a myriad of materials, tools, and other items needed to operate our various departments, repair of the Meetinghouse clock, maintenance of cemeteries and other town properties, zoning issues, damage to roads and their repair, road signs, wetlands, wetland permits, etc., etc., etc.

During 1997, your Selectmen engaged a Town Forester to monitor timber cutting, contracted for the cleanup of pigeon residue from the Meetinghouse steeple and undertook the repair of the Meetinghouse clock (which now is in its original working condition,) approved the purchase and installation of new road signs, worked to repair sidewalks on Sunset Hill Road, as well as a considerable number of other things. This, in addition to budgetary and other record keeping. As we enter into the electronic age, we will need to give attention to additional computerization and those programs which will best serve our purposes.

After the '97 Town Meeting, we saw the departure of Officer Terry Lynn from our Police Department and the eventual decision of Chief Richard Donovan to retire effective January 31, 1998. A fairly long and exhaustive process resulted in securing the services of David Holland as our new Chief. We recognize and appreciate the contributions made by retiring Chief Donovan during his ten year stint as Chief, and look forward to many fruitful years with Chief Holland. While the selection process was time consuming and involved, we appreciate the assistance and advice of Littleton Chief Louis Babin, President of the New Hampshire Association of Police Chiefs, Sergeant Howard Weber of the New Hampshire State Police and the background investigations done by Thomas Kennedy, formally Major Kennedy, of the New Hampshire State Police. Their input was invaluable in the process, and made a selection based on the best possible criteria.

The establishment of a Town Building and Grounds "Department" has been most successful. Not only have our cemeteries been very well maintained, but the grounds at the Meetinghouse, Library and the Crapo School have been, as well. On the subject of the Crapo School, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association became the responsible party, after a court determination. At their suggestion, we began the process toward converting it into a Town building in which we hope to house the Selectmen, Tax Collector and Town Clerk, Library, Police, and possibly other offices. Adequate meeting room space is also included. Preliminary plans have been drawn and 1998 should see the former school in its new use.

It would not be proper to close this report without noting that Sugar Hill lost several of its residents with the passing of Phil Robertson, Dorothy Aldrich and Aubrey Reed, as well as others. Their presence benefited so many of our lives and left so many wonderful memories. The void they leave will be most difficult to fill!

We will also miss retiring Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Edith Aldrich, whose many years of service have left another position, which will be most difficult to fill. We wish her well in retirement and thank her for all those extras she did above and beyond the limits of her job. They were most appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

1997 was not a year of bustling activity for the Sugar Hill Planning Board.

We approved:

- 4 Boundary Line Adjustments
- 3 Minor Subdivisions
- 1 Gravel Pit

The Board developed, along State guidelines, a permit form with follow-up for anyone desiring to do a gravel pit.

The last six months of the year, much time was spent reviewing the Master Plan that was approved by voters in 1992. The Planning Board, after an exhaustive review, decided that all that was needed was an addendum to the Master Plan. The addendum is posted on the Town Bulletin Board on the porch of the Meetinghouse and at the Sugar Hill Post Office. It is recommended that a new rewrite be done in the year 2001.

The Planning Board is again asking the voters for some changes in our zoning. This was done at the request of the Zoning Board to clarify some setback and road frontage requirements.

The Planning Board wants to reflect the desires of the townspeople. We are always open to discuss ways to improve procedures and regulations. The zoning regulations are approved by the voters of the Town. If you want changes, please let us know your ideas. The Planning Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Meetinghouse.

I want to thank all of the members of the Board for their interest and dedication. I can assure all the residents that we are striving to continue Sugar Hill as the Best Small Town in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo,
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has had some changes over this last year, as the staff has been decreased to one full-time officer. Officer Lynn left the department to go to the Department of Justice in Massachusetts. Part-time Officer, Dave Holland, has been hired to take charge of the Department as I leave the community after serving as Chief for the last ten years.

The Police Department has seen the following activity over the last year. These figures do not include police incidents covered by other police agencies, which would increase the total police service to the community about an additional 30 percent.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Aid Agencies	55	45
Aid Citizens	37	47
Criminal Incidents	77	57
Motor Vehicle Complaints	80	49
Custody Arrest	6	4
Motor Vehicle Citations	69	29
Accident Investigations	11	8
Warnings and Field Contacts	121	66

I wish the community peace over the next year and thank everyone for your support over the years. I wish well to your new Chief, David Holland.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard K. Donovan,
Chief of Police

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1997, the department responded to 20 calls, compared to 36 calls in 1996, and 33 calls in 1995.

Below is a breakdown of the calls:

Structure	2
Chimney Fires	1
Vehicle Fires	3
Power Line Problems	1
Fire Alarm Activations (no fire)	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7
Investigations and Miscellaneous	1

We also responded to the aid of our neighbors a total of four times, although none of the calls turned out to be serious. We also received assistance from neighboring towns on five occasions.

The drop in calls is attributed primarily to our taking steps in 1997 to reduce the number of calls from automatic fire alarms. In 1996, we responded to 9 such calls, but only 1 in 1997.

Automatic alarms of all types have become a national problem for public safety agencies. The false alarm rate approaches 98%, and in addition to causing a financial drain on a community, it puts an unnecessary hardship on volunteer public safety providers, who must respond at all hours to these calls. We urge anyone with an automatic alarm of any type, to keep it in good repair, and to make every effort to avoid human error trips of these alarms.

Unfortunately, we experienced two serious structure fires. Due to an aggressive attack by our members, as well as able assistance from Franconia and Easton, we were able to bring both fires under control quickly, although both structures suffered moderate damage.

Nine members of our department attended the annual two day fire school, which is sponsored by our mutual aid system. Courses ranged from Handling Electrical Fires, to the proper procedures in handling Hazardous Materials. One of our members was also recertified as a State Instructor.

We continue to conduct mutual aid drills with our neighboring towns as in the past, and in 1997, we held five such drills, and we sponsored four of them. We utilized the services of the State's certified instructors in our training sessions on three occasions.

Our Engine #1, which is 20 years old, was sent to a fire apparatus company to have the body refurbished, a new chassis and motor installed.

Although our membership continues to grow slowly from year to year, we still need additional members, especially those who are available in the daytime, when we are very short-handed. Please call the undersigned if you are interested.

As always, our thanks goes out to our townspeople who have supported us so well, and to the Franconia and Easton Fire Departments, as well as the Franconia Life Squad, for their very able assistance in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Pinkham,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported through December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Stephen M Kessler,
Forest Ranger

Paul W. Pinkham,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 1997

This year has been one of the most exciting for the members of the Life Squad. In late spring, we received our new Rescue/Ambulance from Road Rescue, Inc. This is the first new vehicle specifically designed to fit the needs of our three communities for years to come. This was made possible through some very gracious donations and from the continued support of each community. This vehicle will continue to be upgraded, as funds become available. We encourage you to contact any Life Squad member and stop in and see the new Rescue Vehicle.

This past year, we responded to 105 calls for assistance in our three towns, which was the most calls our Squad has had.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Franconia Life Squad for their unselfish dedication to the Squad and the towns it serves.

Your Life Squad Members are: Bill Mead, Gail Moody, Mike Valcourt, Dean Wright, Trevor Hamilton, Chris Fowler, Sean McGuigan, Dan Walker, and our treasurer, Mary Ellen Gilbert.

I would also like to thank the members of the three Fire Departments and Police Departments who assist us on most calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Joel N. Peabody,
Franconia Life Squad

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Richardson Memorial Library continues to be open six hours per week: Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning. Children no longer come to the library, as part of their school program, as they attend school in Franconia and use the library there. They are missed.

New acquisitions consist mainly of fiction and non-fiction best-sellers. If possible, books requested by patrons are acquired. The budget places some limitations on acquisitions.

The Trustees of the Library formulate, support and guide the policies of the Library. Discussion of a location change continues.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma L. Leidberg,
Librarian

LIBRARIAN'S STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1997

Materials acquired:

Fiction	117
Non-Fiction	20
Periodicals (per month)	2
Attendance	512
Adult Fiction Loaned	832
Adult Non-Fiction Loaned	22
Magazines Loaned	24
Paperbacks Loaned	16
Juvenile Fiction Loaned	15
Total Circulation	909

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

1997 Annual Report

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our second year of operations from the Cottage at the Rocks, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The Transportation Committee had a busy agenda dealing with numerous local and regional projects. Highlights include: participation in a three-state discussion focused on Route 2, planning and funding several major bridge projects, planning and coordinating trail systems, as well as, addressing regional rail issues. The Portland Natural Gas Pipeline occupied a lot of time as we worked with the Attorney General's Office and the communities along the proposed right-of-way dealing with location and mitigation issues. Work continued on the Route 16 Corridor Protection Project. Our two working groups from the 14 towns, along the highway, started to look at some of the potential actions that can be taken along the corridor and will be working towards guidelines and recommendations over the coming year. Major products of the Route 16 effort this past year were a tourism-scenic evaluation element and a design guidebook, both of which will be very useful to local planning boards. Transportation funding activities were a priority with the Council's Transportation Committee and By Way Council. During the year both committees solicited projects to be funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Scenic By Way Program. Recommendations for funded projects were made to the state and federal agencies, results of those efforts will be known this spring.

The year saw the approval of our fifth E.D.A. public works grant since 1991. The latest grant approved was to the Town of Colebrook. The Colebrook Grant brings N.C.C.'s twenty-five year record of E.D.A. funding in the North Country to \$33 million. Work continues on the Haverhill and Lancaster E.D.A. projects and is complete in North Conway and Littleton. The Council's new Economic Development Committee was formed and began meeting. Planning for the new North Country Regional Overall Economic Development Program began. New projects for E.D.A. funding are now being solicited for inclusion in the O.E.D.P.

The N.C.C. Business Resource Center opened and has been in use by area entrepreneurs for the last six months.

The Council continued its work representing the interests of the communities on the Connecticut River and the region, as a whole, in the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydro Re-Licensing Project. The Council was a key player in the negotiations and was able to represent community interest in the operating agreement, insuring that the present access/use continues and that reservoir levels and flow regime remain intact. This means that recreation activities and local tax revenue potential will be equivalent to present conditions. We will continue to stay on top of this critical issue during the coming years.

This last year, the North Country Council Scenic and Cultural By Way Council adopted a Plan for the Regional By Way and developed a marketing publication which will be printed during the spring of 1998. In addition, the Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Highway Administration to have National Scenic By Way designation on the Kancamagus Highway expanded to include portions of Routes 302, 3 and 193 creating a continuous loop through the White Mountains. Work also continued on the Connecticut River Scenic By Way in cooperation with Vermont and Massachusetts.

The Community Design Program at the Council provided design assistance to Jackson, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Lancaster and Littleton. G.I.S. mapping continued for the entire North Country and individual projects were done for Lisbon, Littleton and

Colebrook. The Council also hosted the Northeast Your Town Training Program. This unique program brought 30 local civic leaders and new planning professionals together with a national level community design faculty for a three day intensive community design program. Support of public involvement in community decision-making was provided to several towns through survey projects and local forums around the region.

Solid waste planning services continued at the Council with every town in the region getting support from the Council's Solid Waste Staff. On a regional level, the Household Hazardous Waste Program is entering its eleventh year. A regional glass-crushing program began, with the Town of Lancaster in the lead. Support was provided to the region's schools on recycling everything from paper to plastic and glass.

Local technical assistance has always been a mainstay of Council activity, this last year was no different. The Council's grant-writing, planning and engineering staff worked with many of the regions 279 boards and councils on so many locally significant projects that they would be too numerous to mention. Libraries, industrial parks, ordinances, plans, site plan review, water and sewer feasibility, drainage projects, transfer stations' master plans, land development capability assessment, water access, road improvement and handicapped access were just a few of the results.

As the year came to a close, the Council forged a relationship with a sister region in the Czech Republic. As a result of this effort, we hope to have local officials, non-profits and businesses from the North Country working with peers in Europe developing mutually beneficial projects and establishing a connection for the North Country into the European Union. In November, a regional official from the Slovak Republic came to the office for a day and a similar dialogue is starting.

The end of the year also witnessed the kickoff of a telecommunications initiative at the Council with support from Bell Atlantic, C.D.F.A. and other partners. This important activity is the result of 4 years of study and some intensive work during the last six months.

The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. As a region, the North Country contains one-third of the landmass of New Hampshire and one-fifth of its municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,
Preston S. Gilbert,
Executive Director

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of the New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

Aids Hotline	1-800-752-AIDS
Children, Youth & Families	1-800-852-3345
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	1-800-852-3793
Consumer Complaints, Insurance	1-800-852-3416
Disabilities Assistance	1-800-852-3345
Elderly & Adult Assistance	1-800-442-5640
Fuel Assistance	1-800-552-4617
Emergency Assistance	911
Employment Opportunities	1-800-852-3400
Job Training Information	1-800-772-7001
NH State Library	1-800-499-1232
NH State Police	1-800-525-5555
NH Tech. Community Colleges	1-800-247-3420
NH Help Line (24 hour)	1-800-852-3388
NH Operation Game Thief	1-800-344-4262
NH Veterans Council	1-800-622-9230
NH Corrections Dept.	1-800-479-0688
NH Dept. of Labor	1-800-272-4353
NH Housing Authority	1-800-439-7247
NH Higher Educational Ass't	1-800-525-2577
Headrest Teenline	1-800-826-3700
NH Independent Living Found.	1-800-826-3700
NH Charitable Foundation	1-800-464-6641

It is a pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond S. Burton,
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Office - (603) 271-3632

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1997 Annual Report

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce extends its sincere gratitude to the Town for its annual support of our Chamber activities. With the help of the Town, we have been able to foster and support a positive business and tourism climate that contributes greatly to the economic and social well-being of our community.

The Chamber's endeavors are heavily focused around tourism and hospitality-related activities. Measurable increases in regional economic conditions across the nation appear to have contributed to moderate growth in our local economy. This can be seen in increased tourist visits during the summer and fall seasons, the number of new home starts in our region, an active real estate market and significantly lower rates of unemployment. Of particular note is the growing number of international visitors to our region. Marketing efforts from many fronts, including those from our local businesses, have created significant international awareness of our State and local area, particularly with visitors from Germany and the United Kingdom.

During 1997, the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce organized and conducted numerous successful events and festivals, including:

- The 27th Annual Frostbite Follies
- The 10th Annual Old Man of the Mountain Rugby Festival
- The 4th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
- The Annual Craft Show and Sale

Particular emphasis this past year was placed on cooperative sales and marketing activities. For the winter of 1997, the Chamber organized a cooperative winter advertising campaign that spanned 13 weeks and 77 newspapers in the Greater Boston area. Throughout the year, numerous press packages were distributed to travel writers and agents, resulting in many public relation articles and familiarization tours. The Lupine Festival, and its marketing campaign, kicked off our summer season with an extensive ad campaign that included newspaper advertising, TV ads, direct mail, and radio features.

During 1997, our information booth in Franconia experienced record activity. From the end of May until October, we staffed the Franconia information booth from 10AM to 5 PM. During these times, we assisted 4,947 visitors with information, directions, area reservations and other services. In addition, we responded to 3,719 phone and mail inquiries for area information and services, and provided information services to thousands of visitors at Cannon's Aerial Tramway.

We look forward to another year of steady growth and improvement in our area's economic and social conditions.

Sincerely,
Franconia Notch
Chamber of Commerce

FRANCONIA - SUGAR HILL - EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

Our summer program was based out of the Lafayette Regional School year. We added a few new ideas this year with a mountain biking club and we visited a rock climbing wall. We hope to do these and more this year. This is an eight week program, Monday through Friday with swimming lessons in the mornings, instructed by Jean Serino. 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be able to join us this summer in a new adventure program two days a week. Peter Stewart at the Gale River Motel was generous in letting our kids use his facility for swimming lessons.

We offered instructional baseball, farm league, little league and softball teams. Our coaches were energetic and dedicated. In addition to baseball, basketball was a huge success. Jim and Mary Colongli deserve a round of applause for their work with the basketball teams.

Our skating rink still can use lots of work. It did get up and running the week after vacation, and weather permitting, we will be skating through February. The rink is now maintained by a Town employee under Ed Phillip's supervision. This will, hopefully, lead to great improvements.

Our committee meets monthly to discuss the changing recreational needs of our area and is interested in supporting and providing recreational activities to meet the needs of our community. Parents and community ideas and support are welcome.

The recreational program we offer involves everyone. We are very fortunate to have the support and dedication of our coaches and parents. We encourage the public to become active in our programs, support the youth and take advantage of the program we offer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Recreation Committee

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a non-sectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

A commercial dishwasher was purchased for the Meetinghouse. At the Annual Town Meeting, the public voted to appropriate half the cost of the unit. Thank you!

The July summer sale and the November Christmas sale were again successful. I would like to thank all who contributed to this, especially those who gave us food and the people who helped in front and behind the scenes. Leftover, twice used items were donated to the Kinsman Valley Club for their summer sale.

Members donated clothing, jewelry, etc., for the use of the patients at the Glencliff Home.

Plants and flowers were given to shut-ins and at Christmas, baskets containing fruit, cookies and jelly were delivered to friends in Town and at the Lafayette Genesis Eldercare facility.

The \$1,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth B. McPhaul.

Donations were given to Franconia Life Squad, Littleton Senior Center, Upper Valley Hostel, North Country Home Health, David's House and the Bancroft House.

All the gifts for children pre-school through 6th grade were purchased for the Town Christmas Party.

Officers for 1998 are:

President:	Sylvia Hutchinson
Vice President:	Lorraine Hunt
Treasurer:	Edna Glaessel
Secretary:	Nancy Smith

We will all sadly miss our oldest and most faithful member, Dorothy Aldrich. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Our gratitude and appreciation are extended to those who supported us in reaching our educational and charitable goals.

Sylvia Hutchinson,
President

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum continues to be a partnership of Town government: the Sugar Hill Improvement Association, and the Board, staff and volunteers of the museum. There are now fifty volunteers who carry out the work of preserving Sugar Hill's historical past.

The town budget covers the maintenance of the main Museum building. The Sugar Hill Improvement Association owns the land, while Museum funds and grants pay for the ongoing programs at the museum in the summer and outreach programs in schools in the area during the school year. This past year, major repair work was undertaken on the main Museum building. Rot and a collapsed foundation at the northwest corner required a new foundation, perimeter drains, as well as, sill and floor replacement. This work was done with authorization by the Selectmen.

The Museum is open mid June, weekends only, to correspond with the Lupine Festival, with our official opening date of July 1 through late October after school visits.

Museum programs include two summer lecture series using the N. H. Humanities speakers. In August, there is an Art and Flowers exhibit featuring local artists, past and present.

Children's History Day began in 1991. It includes volunteer demonstrations of yesteryear. All area school children, parents and public are invited.

The school programs began in the late 1970's with Lisbon, Franconia and Crapo Elementary students in grade 4. In 1990, the program was reorganized to include 3rd and 4th grade children in Littleton, Bath and Bethlehem.

In 1997, the Museum started a winter outreach school program (March and April) which includes Colebrook, Pittsburg, Jefferson, Whitefield, Dalton and Monroe.

The Museum has been host to Genealogical groups, the White Mountain Garden Club, Board meetings, state historical societies and others.

The early December volunteers gather in the Town Hall for a fund-raising project to make wreaths including the one on the Town building.

Respectfully submitted
Sarah Pinney,
Chairman

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

In 1995, the Trustees of the Carolina Crapo Fund called an Ad Hoc meeting to see if the people living in Sugar Hill would choose an organization in town to take over the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building and the Carolina Crapo Trust Fund. According to the terms of the trust, if the building ceased to be used as a school, it and the fund were to go to an organization in Sugar Hill that was charitable, religious or educational. The School District was about to leave the building. The people at the Meeting voted to ask the Sugar Hill Improvement Association to take on this responsibility. The mechanics of taking over the property and the fund proved to be vastly more complicated and time consuming than anyone had anticipated. The Officers of the Association sought legal advice and Attorney Stephen Samaha volunteered to guide us through the maze. Without his untiring assistance, we might be struggling with it still.

At the first hearing in Probate Court in the fall of 1996, the Director of Charitable Trusts for the State of New Hampshire insisted that the Association did not qualify to receive the building, land and funds because we were not registered with IRS as a charitable trust. Attorney Samaha and the Director, both suggested that the association get in touch with a specific attorney in Manchester who specialized in charitable trusts. We did so and at this attorney's suggestion we changed our Articles of Association and Bylaws to make them more nearly comply with what IRS would be looking for in a charitable institution.

At the second and final hearing with the Probate Judge, the Director of Charitable trusts suggested that the court should change the trust slightly to add education to the allowable uses of the trust fund. This was done and the final decree came down dated April 8, 1997.

ARTICLE V of the Articles of Association states:

All adult persons who reside in the Town of Sugar Hill may be members of the organization. Other provisions enlarging or restricting membership and participation in the organization may be established by the Board of Directors or set forth in the Bylaws of the organization.

All persons registered to vote in the Town of Sugar Hill shall be entitled to vote on any matters to be decided by the membership.

The Bylaws of the Association, as amended September 11, 1997, make further provisions for Associate Members who need not be legal residents of Sugar Hill.

The Board of Directors of the Association consists of 17 persons at present. This board has been meeting on a monthly basis since inception and has met with the Board of Selectmen on several occasions. The Association members have agreed that part of the building should be used for Town offices. The Board of Selectmen hired an architect who has come up with some very good preliminary plans for use of the building. We are proposing to have all Town offices on the first floor, all of which will be handicapped accessible by ramp and lift. The offices will include the Library and Police Department. The ground floor will house an office for the Improvement Association and a conference room, as well as, the small auditorium.

The Trustees of the Carolina Crapo Fund assure us that, due to the amount of income of the fund, there should be no problem in obtaining financing for the proposed reconstruction of the building, and as of this writing, the Board of Directors are preparing to draw up specifications and proceed with the bidding process which will, hopefully, result in the Town moving into the Carolina Crapo Memorial in late 1998 or early 1999.

The Improvement Association will be financing the reconstruction at no cost to the Town. The Town will lease office space from the Association and pay a rental which will be capped at a total cost to the Town no greater than its present building maintenance costs.

The Directors wish to thank Attorney Samaha for his invaluable efforts on behalf of the Association and to also thank the former and present members of the Board of Trustees of the Carolina Crapo Trust Fund for their remarkably wise investments of the fund which has resulted in a great benefit for the residents of Sugar Hill.

The annual meeting of the Association will be in August 1998 and we hope to have widespread member participation. At that meeting the members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees will be elected.

Anyone desiring to be considered for these offices should contact the President, Maxine Aldrich or the Secretary, Kathie Cote prior to the meeting. Copies of the Bylaws of the Association may be obtained from the above officers.

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT Town of Sugar Hill

Highlights of 1997:

During the past year, White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has invested a great deal of effort in augmenting services to children and the elderly; segments of our community which have historically been less than adequately served by the mental health system.

We are proud of the extensive outreach program we are now able to offer to children diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance, who are referred to our agency. Through our children's case manager and one of twelve children's outreach workers on our staff, severely emotionally disturbed children and their families receive in-home supports, assistance succeeding in school and help with practical challenges which effect the stability of family life. These services are offered in conjunction with services provided by our team of psychiatrists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed marriage and family counselors, licensed clinical social workers and outreach specialists. These professionals work together and with other community caregivers to provide services which are not only appropriate for the child, but also "user friendly" for the family.

Elderly services have been similarly strengthened. Our elderly services coordinator works with our staff and with other community agencies to provide services to elders who may be unable or unwilling to come in to the office for traditional mental health treatment. The Gatekeepers Program, sponsored by White Mountain Mental Health, makes it easy for concerned persons in the community to contact a professional regarding concerns about an elder. Most recently, we have obtained the services of a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner, who will be making "house calls" with our elderly services coordinator to isolated elders who may be in need of both physical and psychiatric care. In addition to these community based programs, we continue to offer psychiatric consultation services to three area nursing homes. As our community ages, the need for these services increases. We are working hard to respond to the challenge this presents.

Service Statistics: During 1997, **6 Sugar Hill residents received 66 hours of service.** These residents were either uninsured or under-insured, and were not able to pay the full cost of services. Our services include:

- individual, group and family therapy
- outreach services to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families
- in-home support and treatment to elders
- substance abuse counseling
- experiential, activity based program for adjudicated adolescent boys
- psychiatric assessment and medication
- psychological assessments
- housing, vocational, and case management services to persons with severe mental illness
- 24 hour emergency service

Thank you, Sugar Hill residents, for your long history of support to our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane C. MacKay, CCSW,
Area Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY

Report of 1997 Services

Home Health Care is one of the fastest growing segments of care in the health care field. This rapidly expanding type of care is the result of a demand for cost-efficient and highly effective health care services. With shorter hospital stays and new technology, home health care has gained a new prominence as a solution for delivering health care services.

Supportive Services are provided by home health aides, homemakers and companions. They insure that the elderly, ill and disabled live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals and proper assistance with their daily activities. Home health care is dedicated to supporting individuals alongside their families and physicians ... *at home*.

Hospice Care makes it possible for those living with terminal illness to spend the final stages of their lives at home or in home-like settings. Hospice is a comprehensive, team directed, client and family-oriented program of care that supports individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Community Education - an essential element of home health care's success is the emphasis on patient/family education and participation. This approach is used with all of our clients and duplicated in the wider community through educational programs and health screenings

As a not-for-profit agency, North Country Home Health Agency raises money from individuals and towns to provide reduced fee and free care. With tightened parameters for health insurance coverage, particularly Medicare for the elderly, many people have limited health care benefits. We greatly appreciate your Town's support of our work and your efforts to provide quality health care to your community. At North Country Home Health Agency no one is denied access to essential services. To be eligible, patients only must meet the eligibility criteria for home care.

The following home services were provided to individuals and families in Sugar Hill during 1997.

Type of Care	Number of Visits	Type of Care	Number of Visits
Nurses' Aide	105	Nurses	37
Homemaker	21	Physical Therapy	50
Companion	136	Medical Social Service	2

Additionally, 63 Health Screenings and Clinics were offered to the public in 1997. Over 1100 North Country residents participated in these preventative health programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Ruppert,
Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA

1997 Annual Report

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its eighth year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath and Woodsville/Haverhill.

Our Director and volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 58 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness.

Our organization was very pleased this year to again offer support to two (2) new area programs. We continued to provide volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we again offered supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room of Littleton Regional Hospital.

Our Hospice Program also conducted three support groups which were free of charge and open to the public. The Cancer Support Group, Breast Cancer Support Group and Bereavement Support Group offered a supportive and caring place to share feelings and experiences guided by a trained counselor. Thirty-five (35) individuals attended these support groups in 1997.

Volunteers gave over 1538 hours in the provision of services.

Our Hospice conducts a yearly nine (9) week long, eighteen (18) hour Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or in increasing their knowledge about Hospice care. We now have over 120 trained volunteers available to support area residents.

There is NO CHARGE to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area. This service is made possible largely through the generous support provided by the twelve (12) towns that we serve. Without the support of Town Funding, we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our ninth year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Lakey,
Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997**

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
May 23, 1997	Paige Elizabeth Coyle	Michael Francis Coyle	Tricia Pinkham
August 13, 1997	Caleb Michael Driscoll	Thomas Bryan Driscoll	Stacey Anne Misiak

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1997**

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
January 4, 1997	Benjamin Frank Lyon Maureen Dawn Phillips	St. Johnsbury, VT St. Johnsbury, VT
June 21, 1997	Alexander Calcagni Renee Theresa Montesano	Dade City, FL Dade City, FL
June 21, 1997	Laurier Arthur Wood, Jr. Marie McDonald	Westford, MA Westford, MA
June 28, 1997	Terrence Paul Clerkin Elizabeth Patton Sycamore	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
June 29, 1997	Christopher Charles Cardoza Deborah Jo Socorro	Basking Ridge, NJ Basking Ridge, NJ
July 10, 1997	David Osborn West Michele Sue Doucette	Bradford, MA Bradford, MA
July 12, 1997	Anthony Carlo DiPrizio Elizabeth Anne Contarino	Newton, MA Newton, MA
August 16, 1997	Peter Gregory Carbonneau Annette Marion Morin	Sugar Hill, NH Bethlehem, NH
August 23, 1997	James Arnold Harding Andrea Warren Kelley	Lexington, MA Lexington, MA
October 18, 1997	Aldis Earl Wright, Jr. Lisa Erin Towle	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
December 7, 1997	Thomas George Nonis Julia Ford Carpenter	Natick, MA Arlington, MA
December 25, 1997	James Bailey Aldrich Dawn Patricia Mauri	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edith M. Aldrich,
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
April 8, 1997	Ruth Grossgold	Louis Alpert	Ida Hurwitz
July 25, 1997	George F. Blackwell	George W. Blackwell	Bertha Mack

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Town Clerk

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-8468

Monday	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

823-8468

Monday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD

First Tuesday of each month	7:30 PM
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ZONING BOARD

As needed	6:30 PM
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TRANSFER STATION

Monday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

823-7001

Tuesday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUGAR HILL MUSEUM

823-8142

Thursday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: July 1st - October 31st

<p>FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD EMERGENCY ONLY 911</p>

Non-Emergency Police

823-8725

823-8123

Non-Emergency Fire Department

823-8415

Highway Department

823-8788

